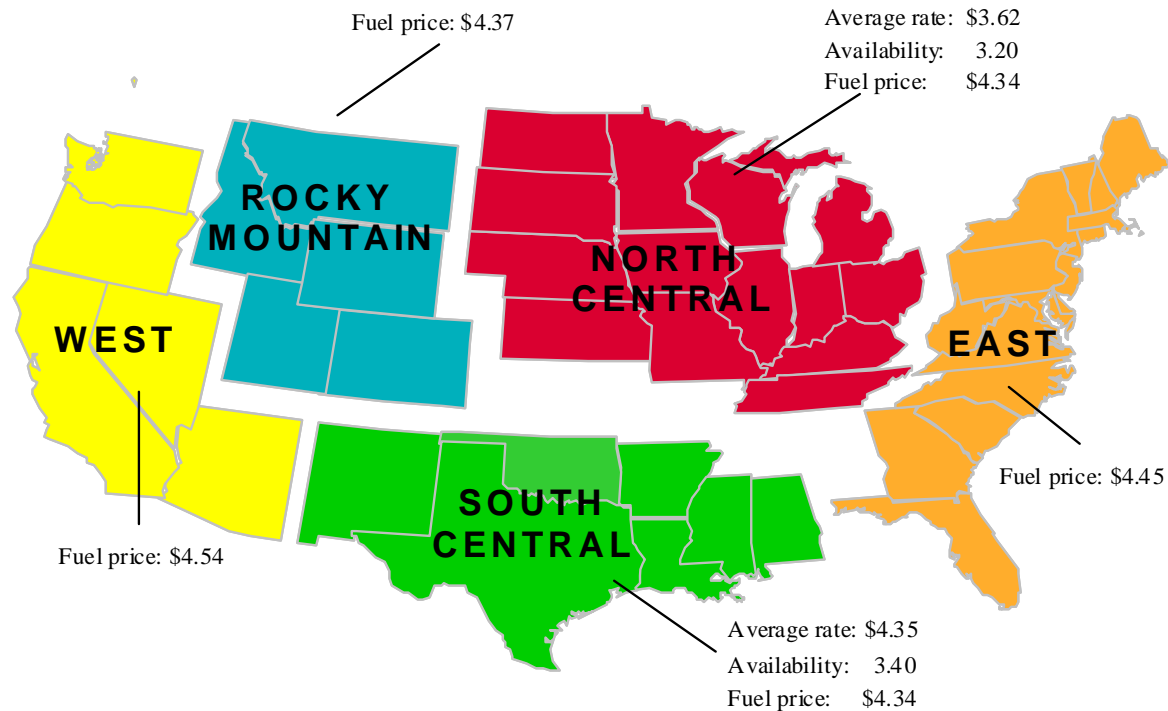


Truck Transportation

Figure 1

U.S. Grain Truck Market Advisory, 2nd Quarter 2008



¹ Average rate per loaded mile, based on truck rates for trips of 25, 100, and 200 miles

Note: Fuel prices are a quarterly average (unit per gallon) Fuel price data source: Energy Information Administration U.S. Department of Energy, www.eia.doe.gov

Table 1

U.S. Grain Truck Market Overview, 2nd Quarter 2008

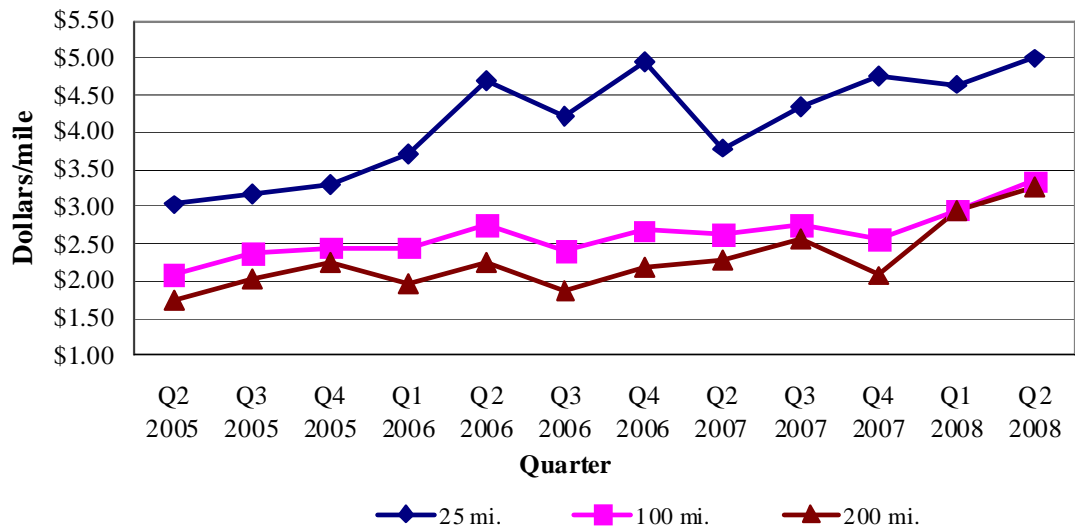
Region	25 miles	100 miles	200 miles	Truck availability	Truck activity	Future truck activity
	¹ Rate per mile			<i>Quarterly Rating</i>		
				1=Very easy to 5=Very difficult	1=Much lower to 5=Much higher	
National average²	5.00	3.35	3.28	3.20	2.80	3.10
North Central region	4.64	3.09	3.13	3.20	3.00	3.20
Rocky Mountain	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Central	5.82	3.73	3.49	3.40	2.60	3.20
West	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

¹ Rates are based on trucks with 80,000 lb gross vehicle weight limit

² National average is based on rates received from various states, but not every state is represented.

Source: Transportation and Marketing Programs/AMS/USDA

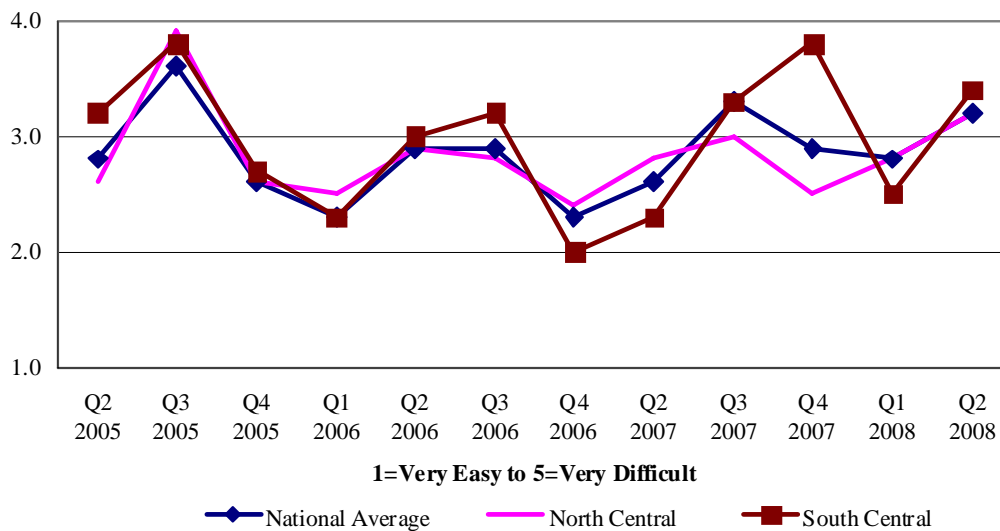
Figure 2

National Truck Rate Averages, Quarterly

2008 Quarter 2 % change from:	25 mi.	100 mi.	200 mi.
2008 Quarter 1	8	13	11
2007 Quarter 2	32	28	44

No data available for Q1 2007

Figure 3

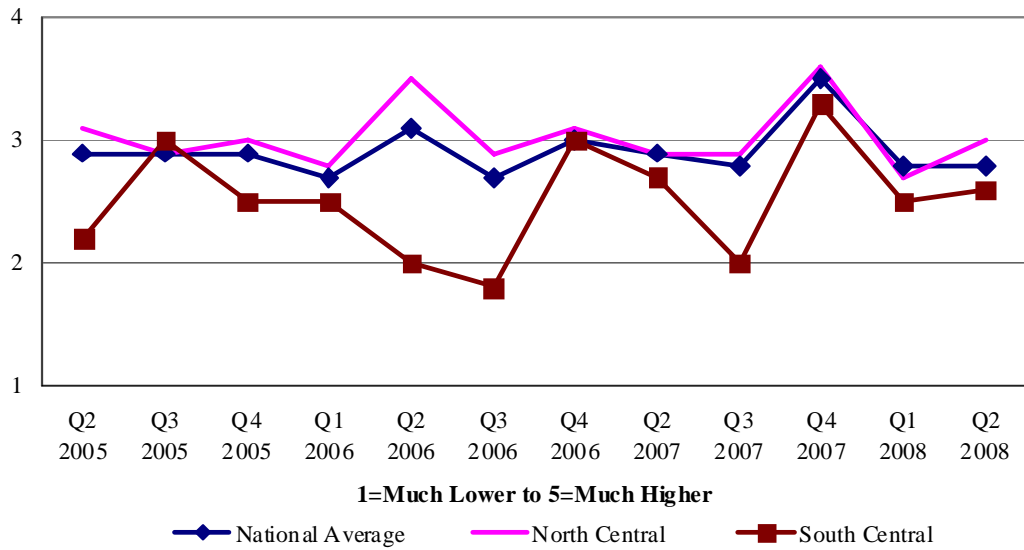
National Truck Availability, Quarterly

2008 Quarter 2 % change from:	Nat. Avg	N. Central	S. Central
2008 Quarter 1	14	14	36
2007 Quarter 2	23	14	48

No data available for Q1 2007

Figure 4

National Truck Activity, Quarterly



2008 Quarter 2 % change from:	Nat. Avg.	N. Central	S. Central
2008 Quarter 1	0	11	4
2007 Quarter 2	-3	3	-4

No data available for Q1 2007

Ocean Transportation

Table 2

Quarterly Grain Ocean Freight Rates from Select Origins and Destinations (average rates & percentage changes) (US\$/metric ton)¹

Countries/ regions	2008 2 nd qtr	2007 2 nd qtr	Percent change	Countries/ regions	2008 2 nd qtr	2007 2 nd qtr	Percent change
Gulf to				Pacific NW to			
Japan	---	---	---	Japan	---	---	---
S. Korea	---	---	---	<u>Argentina/Brazil to</u>			
Med. Sea	---	---	---	N. Africa	105.00	71.75	46
N. Africa	---	59.25	---	Mediterranean	115.00	---	---

Source: Maritime Research, Inc. (www.maritime-research.com)

Note: For a related article on this issue of GTAD, see *Grain Transportation Report*, dated 9/18/08 at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/GTR>